



**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**1. Air quality, open feedlots on EPC March agenda**

**AIR QUALITY, OPEN FEEDLOTS ON EPC MARCH AGENDA**

DES MOINES – Commissioners will hear results of the DNR animal feeding operations odor study and a proposal to finalize open feedlot rules at the March 20 meeting of the Environmental Protection Commission.

Results of the livestock odor study showed exceedances in 7 percent of the more than 1,700 measurements taken around the state over three years. Since Iowa does not currently have odor standards or regulations, current standards used in the state of Wyoming were used to determine exceedances. Study results are available on the DNR Web site at [www.iowadnr.com/air/afo/files/Odor.pdf](http://www.iowadnr.com/air/afo/files/Odor.pdf).

Odor exceedances were more likely to be associated with manure application (11 percent) than with livestock facilities (7 percent) or measurements taken at residences, educational institutions, commercial enterprises or public use areas (4 percent).

Commissioners will also be asked to finalize a rule that establishes minimum design standards for open feedlot control systems, including standards for using alternative technologies such as vegetative treatment areas. The rule became effective in Sept. 2005 on an emergency basis so that open feedlot producers would have design standards in effect for the fall construction season. Some minor changes are included in this version of the rule proposal based on public comments that the DNR received.

In other action, commissioners will be asked to approve 18 contracts worth \$3,134,400 to control nonpoint source pollution. Nonpoint source pollution comes from scattered

sources picked up in runoff from agricultural or urban lands, where no single starting place for pollution can be identified.

Contracts include a \$250,000 project to reduce sediment and bacteria in two tributaries of Clear Creek in Iowa and Johnson counties; and a \$63,750 project at the Hitchcock Nature Center in the loess hills that will demonstrate ways to decrease runoff from road surfaces. Contract funding comes from Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the DNR office, 7900 Hickman Road in Urbandale. Public participation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The Farmer's Cooperative Society has an appointment at 1 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The full agenda follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Director's Remarks
- Contract - Consumer Confidence Reports
- AFO Construction Permit Application for Twin Pines, LLC, Wapello County
- Contract – Country Crossings, L.L.P. – Field Office 4 Lease Renewal
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Project Contracts
- Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund – 2006 Intended Use Plan Fourth Quarter Update
- Final Rule – Chapter 65 – Open Feedlot Regulations
- Final Rule - Chapter 135, Technical Standards and Corrective Action Requirements for Owners and Operators of Underground Storage Tanks and Chapter 134, Certification of Groundwater Professionals
- Notice of Intended Action – Chapters 68: “Commercial Septic Tank Cleaners” and 69 “Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems”
- Notice of Intended Action: Chapters 22 and 23, Air Quality Program Rules - Updates, Revisions, and Additions
- Referrals To The Attorney General
  - a) Farmers Co-operative Society, Sioux Center (Sioux County) – Animal Feeding Operations / Wastewater
  - b) Charles F. Deering Jr., (Postville) – Animal Feeding Operations/ Wastewater
- Proposed Contested Case Decision - Jerry Vander Plaats
- Air Quality - Title V Fee Budget Review
- Odor Study
- Monthly Reports
- General Discussion
- Items for next month's meeting
- Upcoming Meetings
  - April 17, 2006
  - May 15, 2006

More information about the agenda items can be found on the DNR Web site under Commissions and Boards at [www.iowadnr.com](http://www.iowadnr.com).

The members of the commission are Darrell Hanson, chair, Manchester; Jerry Peckumn, vice chair, Jefferson; Lisa Davis-Cook, secretary, West Des Moines; Francis Thicke, Fairfield; Donna Buell, Spirit Lake; Mary Gail Scott, Cedar Rapids; David Petty, Eldora; Suzanne Morrow, Storm Lake; and Henry Marquard, Muscatine. The director of the DNR is Jeff Vonk.

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